

**Department of Human Resources  
Division of Health Care Financing & Policy  
Meeting for Public Comment on Review  
Of Nevada Medicaid Services Manual and  
Medicaid Operations Manual  
March 8, 2005**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

In Carson City, NV:

Charles Duarte, Administrator, DHCFP  
John Liveratti, Chief, DHCFP, Compliance  
Darrell Faircloth, DAG

Others in attendance shown on attached lists.

In Las Vegas, NV:

Christie Brademan, DHCFP, Facilitator

The meeting was called to order by John Liveratti, Chief Compliance at 9:00am in the conference room of the Public Utilities Commission at 1150 East Williams Street in Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was aired by video-conference to Las Vegas simultaneously. Those in attendance are on the attached lists from both locations.

Betsy Aiello, SSPS III Waivers Unit, introduced amendments to MSM Chapter 2700-Home and Community Based Waiver for the Elderly in Adult Residential Care. The waiver for the Elderly in Group Care was amended effective January 1, 2004 to expand the personal care service package in existence and to add an assisted living service package. These services now provide three tiers of care that facilitate the recipients' ability to age in place. With these changes the waiver name was updated to reflect the expanded services and living settings. The waiver is now called The Home and Community Based Waiver for the Elderly in Adult Residential Care. This name update has been made throughout the chapter.

In the Introduction the statement referring to Nevada Check Up was removed. This chapter is specific to persons age 65 and older and they do not qualify for Nevada Check Up, a program for children. The Nevada Check Up chapter was also removed from 2705.1 References and Cross-references section of the manual for this same reason.

Mr. Liveratti invited public comment on this issue. There were no comments from Carson City or Las Vegas.

Mr. Liveratti closed the public hearing on MSM Chapter 2700 and moved acceptance and approval of the changes.

Mr. Duarte accepted the changes to MSM Chapter 2700 subject to a final spelling and grammar check.

Betsy Aiello, SSPS III Waivers Unit, introduced the proposed adoption of the new Waiver for Independent Nevadans Care Plan Form. The Waiver for Independent Nevadans (WIN) Care Plan is a tool that: Addresses the over all assessment and documents services to meet the needs identified in the assessment. Documents the recipient's right to participate in the development of the Care Plan and to receive an explanation of the services proposed. Provides documentation to give to the recipient, provider, and case manager that include the services needed and list the agency that is to provide the services for the recipient, and lists the recipient's goals to be met by providing the services listed. This new form is similar to the previous form that was used. Due to HIPAA, the new form has been altered to include certain information only when needed by the particular provider to give the required care to the recipient. There are pages within the form that can be added or removed as needed.

Mr. Duarte asked Ms. Aiello which parts of the form were separated out specifically for HIPAA purposes.

Ms. Aiello responded that it was the second, third and fourth pages.

Mr. Liveratti invited public comment on this issue. There were no comments from Carson City or Las Vegas.

Mr. Liveratti closed the public hearing on the new WIN form and moved acceptance and approval of the changes.

Mr. Duarte accepted the changes to the new WIN form subject to a final spelling and grammar check.

Betsy Aiello, SSPS III Waivers Unit, introduced the new WIN Level of Care (LOC)/Social Health Assessment form. The LOC/Social Health Assessment Form is a tool used to: assess Medicaid eligible or pending recipients/applicants for a nursing facility level of care to qualify for waiver services, and as ongoing quality assurance for eligibility purposes. The form will also be used to assess individuals to establish level of care criteria and to complete the social history of waiver eligible recipients/applicants. These assessments will aid in the development of the Waiver for Independent Nevadans Recipient Care Plan.

Mr. Duarte asked Ms. Aiello on the Recipient Medication form, from a program point of view; if there were any point where case managers would/have worked with First Health on potential pharmacy issues.

Ms. Aiello indicated she didn't believe that had been done but believed it would be a good idea to look into accessing it. She said it would be a good idea to put that into policy.

Mr. Duarte would like to have this looked at programmatically.

Mr. Liveratti asked for comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions from Las Vegas.

Sue Wile, from Accessible Space, asked if the forms were being changed to get more information to the people doing the assessments.

Ms. Aiello indicated that this is done for the other Waiver services; if a recipient needed home making, chores or meals delivered. We use for attendant care times the PCA Program Assessment and that is where we get our attendant care times. The time for the attendant care trips from the PCA plan; when someone is in assisted living this would show that their level of need was high enough that they would need PCA plus other waiver services to reach the assisted living level.

Mr. Liveratti asked for any other comments or questions. There were no further questions from Carson City.

Mr. Liveratti closed the public hearing on the new WIN Level of Care (LOC)/Social Health Assessment form and moved acceptance as submitted.

Mr. Duarte accepted the new WIN Level of Care (LOC)/Social Health Assessment form as submitted subject to a final spelling and grammar check. He also thanked staff for all the hard work that went into developing these forms.

Ms. Aiello indicated that these forms will also be computer based for ease of use.

Ms. Aiello then introduced the WIN Statement of Understanding. This was an existing form that is being updated. The other form was from in the 1990's at some point from when DHCFP was still part of the Welfare Division. It was a Welfare Division form and it had statements in it that were no longer accurate for the Waiver program. This form has been adjusted to reflect the changes and updates that have occurred.

Mr. Liveratti asked for questions or comments on the WIN Statement of Understanding form.

There were no comments from Carson City or Las Vegas.

Mr. Liveratti closed the public hearing on the new WIN Statement of Understanding form and moved acceptance as submitted.

Mr. Duarte accepted the new WIN Statement of Understanding form as submitted subject to a final spelling and grammar check.

Mr. Liveratti asked if there were any general comments or questions anyone would like to address.

There were no general questions or comments offered from Carson City or Las Vegas.

The agenda completed, Mr. Liveratti adjourned the public hearing at 9:17am.